

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of recording and reproducing information in which a recording area of a recording medium is physically divided into plurality of blocks and each block is partitioned into plurality of pages comprising steps of:

recording and erasing information in at least one of the pages in blocks ~~units~~ of the plurality of blocks;

allocating a specific area having a frequently changing information to at least one page in one ~~first~~ block of the plurality of blocks; and

disabling remaining pages in ~~said the first one~~ block when said allocating step allocates the frequently changing information to said the at least one page in said one ~~first~~ block-, wherein said remaining pages include at least one page,

wherein the frequently changing information is managing data recorded in the recording medium or root directory information.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of recording and reproducing information according to claim 1, wherein the at least one page is provided with an area for recording area management information including information indicating that the specific area has been allocated, information indicating the disablement of the page although unused, information indicating an unused area, and information indicating an ordinary recording area.

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of recording and reproducing information according to claim 3, further comprising steps of:

recording of information into the recording medium;

allocating an unused block to a logical space and recording information into ~~the~~said ~~one~~first block;

reading and modifying contents of the data management area in the recording medium;
recording the modified data management area into another unused block in the recording medium; and

erasing the data management area before modified, and turning ~~the~~said ~~one~~first block where the data management area before modified has resided, into the unused block.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of recording and reproducing information according to claim 3, further comprising steps of:

erasing of information in the recording medium;
reading and modifying contents of the data management area in the recording medium;
recording the modified data management area into an unused block in the recording medium;

erasing the data management area before modified, and turning ~~the~~said ~~one~~first block where the data management area before modified has resided, into the unused block; and

erasing the information to be deleted, and turning ~~the~~said ~~one~~first block where the information has resided, into the unused block.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of recording and reproducing information according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the ~~one~~first block contains the page corresponding to a FAT area, information a high-speed recording area (0x55) is recorded into the area management information in the page corresponding to the FAT area.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of recording and reproducing information according to ~~any of claims 6-5 through 7~~, further comprising recording a logical address in a logical address part in each page.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of recording and reproducing information according to claim 1, wherein said allocating the specific area distinguishes the specific area having a frequently changing information from an ordinary data area, so as to reduce amount of data modification of the specific area.